

# **TOWN OF ROCKLAND**

## **Board of Selectmen**

Town Hall  
242 Union Street  
Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S OPEN SESSION held on Monday, June 6, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room, Town Hall, 242 Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts 02370.**

**ATTENDANCE: Louis U. Valanzola, Lawrence J. Chaffee, Mary A. Parsons, Keven D. Pratt and Kelli A. O'Brien-McKinnon**

*A MOMENT OF SILENCE was held for ROBERT ELLIS and FLORENCE WRIGHT who recently passed away.*

Chairman Lou Valanzola led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation for John Patrick Goggin, Sgt: He served his country with dedication, dignity and Integrity. Your service to our country assures that we will feel protected and our freedoms will be available to enjoy as this battle against terrorism continues. We are proud of your service to your country and we are proud to count you among our friends in Rockland. Thank you and congratulations on your return to the States we are grateful that you were able to return home safely. Mr. Materna – He has received a bronze star medal for being a gunner during a time of hostilities in support of Operation Iraq Freedom from March 1, 2004 to January 1, 2005. Mr. Materna also presented him with a pin that says "Honor" donated by an anonymous business person in Town who wishes that all our veterans who return from Iraq receive this pin.

**A. MINUTES – None**

**B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Annual Appointments

*Rockland Community Center Building Supervisory Committee (3-Year Appt.)*

Karen Guerrette – 155 George Washington Blvd., Hull

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to appoint**

**Second: Mr. Pratt**

**Vote: 5-0**

## **B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)**

### **1. Annual Appointments**

#### **Conservation Commission – 3-Year Appointment**

Valerie J. Oestreich – 407 Hingham Street

**Motion: Mr. Pratt to appoint**

**Second: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon**

**Vote: 5-0**

### **2. Sunday Entertainment License – DJ's Pub**

**Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve Sunday License for DJ's Pub**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Name New Street – Tiffany Lane**

Letter from Steven Gosselin was read. He is developing a 7 lot sub-division off Salem Street called Salem Woods and would like to name the new street "Tiffany Lane" with your approval.

**Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve Tiffany Lane**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

### **2. One Day Liquor License – Truman's Catering**

James Cook (Truman's Catering) is applying for a one-day liquor license for an event at Harmon Golf, 168 Concord Street, Rockland from 4:30-8:30 PM on July 11, 2005.

**Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve one-day liquor license for Truman's Catering  
On July 11, 2005 from 4:30-8:30PM**

**Second: Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

### **3. Transfer Liquor License – R&R Tavern**

Attorney Jon Aieta spoke for Royce A. Pearce (ROLA, INC.) new manager of the former Donna's Place now to be called R&R Tavern.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

3. Transfer Liquor License – R&R Tavern

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to open hearing on R&R Tavern**

**Second: Mr. Pratt**

**Vote: 5-0**

This is a transfer of the liquor license and manager; the landlord will remain the same. Two employees were certified under an alcohol program that was not TIPS. BOS requested that they would prefer TIPS certifications. Mr. Pearce will comply.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to close hearing**

**Second: Mrs. Parsons**

**Vote: 5-0**

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee transfer liquor license to R&R Tavern with stipulation of TIPS Certification for those two employees**

**Second: Mrs. Parsons**

**Vote: 5-0**

4. Permit Applications: Entertainment, Automatic Amusement, Common Vic. For R&R Tavern

**Motion: Mr. Pratt to approve all three licenses**

**Second: Mrs. Parsons**

**Vote: 5-0**

5. Request for Block Party – Loretta Avenue

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve**

**Second: Mr. Pratt**

**Vote: 5-0**

6. Taxi Cab/Livery License Application – Mr. Scalia

Tri-Town Livery – 51 Maple Street

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee subject to liability insurance coverage**

**Second: Mr. Pratt**

**Vote: 5-0**

## **C. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

### **7. Live Music Request**

Robert McDermott would once again like to continue with his summer entertainment on Tuesday nights at Union Station Ice Cream and is asking permission of the BOS.

**Motion: Mrs. Parsons to approve**

**Second: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon**

**Vote: 5-0**

## **D. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Plante – I would like to finalize the Selectmen's Liaison Assignments. Assignments were switched. Selectmen's Liaison Assignment sheet attached separately.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to adopt Selectmen's Liaison Assignments for FY06**

**Second: Mr. Pratt**

**Vote: 5-0**

Set summer schedule for Selectmen's Meeting. July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> appear to be the best dates.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to set July 18, 2005 and August 22, 2005 as the two dates for Selectmen's meetings during the summer**

**Second: Mr. Pratt**

**Vote: 5-0**

The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> it has generated a lot of interest. I want to remind the individuals that are putting out the campaign signs that they cannot be on Town property. If you have put them on Town property please remove them.

Mr. Plante read a letter from the Department of Housing & Community Development. Regarding: executive order 418 housing certification for FY05 – notifying the Town of Rockland that we are certified under executive order 418 for the period ending June 30, 2005. Our Town will receive preferred consideration for the discretionary grant funds in the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program and will earn points on the Commonwealth Capital Application. Congratulations on receiving this certification we applaud and support your efforts to increase housing opportunities for households with a broad range of incomes and taking proactive steps to encourage housing productions.

## **E. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Valanzola read the following correspondence:

From Pam Murphy (Rockland Friends) – The Carnival is being held from June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday through Saturday hours are 6-10PM and Sunday 12-8PM. Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday at a time to be determined by Chief Sammon. Enclosed is our “Certificate of Insurance”. We hope to see you all....pray for good weather.

SSVTHS – Thanking the Police Department for their help with their tollbooth fundraiser on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Anton Materna (Veteran’s Agent) – Thanking the residents of the Town for their great support during the Memorial Day Weekend. I was very pleased to see the turnout of individuals and scouts who assisted me in placing the flags on three cemeteries. The placing of flags is quite a challenge but with the number of people who showed up this was done efficiently. The Memorial Day Parade proved to be a very rewarding experience, weather was a great contributor as well as the participants in the parade and the people who lined the streets to pay tribute to those who have given us this freedom to assemble.

From Gerald J. DelPrete – He is submitting his resignation from the Conservation Commission for health reasons.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to accept resignation with regret**

**Second: Mr. Pratt**

**Vote: 5-0**

From BC/BS to Chief Donovan: Thanking the Police Department for sending Officer Zeoli for a safety discussion at the annual Take Our Children to Work Day event on April 18<sup>th</sup>. He was very good with the children and was able to capture their attention for the entire time. This was a great awareness program for the children.

From Rosemary Chretien (North River Collaborative) – Thanking Chief Donovan for sending the police car and motorcycle to be part of our Touch A Truck event last Saturday at Rockland High School. The day was a great success: the kids had a great time, more people now know about our program and we made almost \$1,500.00. We hope the Police Department will be able to do this again next year.

From Rockland Special Education Parent Advisory Council – Thanking the BOS for allowing them the opportunity to hold their tollbooth fundraiser on May 14<sup>th</sup>. They will present Ben Kimball Scholarships totaling \$1,500.00 to 4 deserving Rockland students during the high school graduation ceremony on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **E. CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)**

From Marcia Adams (Coordinator of the Jefferson School 4-H Club) to the Highway Department: Thank you on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for supplying tools on such short notice. Through your kindness, we ran a delightful meeting with the students of the Jefferson School who want to be involved in improving the beauty and the environment of our community.

## **F. OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Chaffee – A reminder that Special Town Meeting is June 27<sup>th</sup>. I would like to congratulate the Rockland High School boy's baseball team and the Rockland High School girl's softball team for both making the tournament. Great job.

Mrs. Parsons – Thanked everyone who came out for the Memorial Day Parade. It was a nice day and a great turnout to honor our veterans. I would like to congratulate Rose Angela Parsons (no relation) for becoming a new citizen on that day. We attended her party on Saturday night and it was a great time.

Mr. Valanzola - The turnout at last Monday's Memorial Day Parade was terrific. It was a great way to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. I think we have some committees and board that have vacancies for people to apply. Question was asked about "potholes" and if the Town is liable. Mr. Plante – The State Law is that if they make a claim, they have to be able to show that the Town had known of the pothole and failed to take any action. The statute states that the Town, if notified, has to fix it within 48 hours. Obviously, what happens is that there are so many potholes that it is just undoable. The procedure is if someone damages their vehicle in a pothole what they need to do is write a letter with details (date, time, place) and get a receipt or estimate from a legitimate garage or repair facility and bring it into the office. We will fax it to our insurance company and they will deal with the insurance company directly.

Mr. Pratt – I wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Memorial Day Parade. It was a beautiful day and a beautiful event. I want to thank the veteran's who participated and those that gave their lives so that we can be here today and do what we do. This was the first parade that we had a float in. I would like to thank the RVC for providing that float. I would also like to thank the 2005 senior class. I had an opportunity to attend the prom. It was such a fine class of nice men and women. I would like to acknowledge them and wish them the best. Yesterday was my wedding anniversary (12 years) and I would like to thank my wife for twelve wonderful years and two beautiful children and hopefully get twelve more.

Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon – On behalf of Holy Family School I was told that they were not eligible for a specific grant that donated defibrillators to schools so BC/BS donated a lifesaving defibrillator for the schools so they will have it available for the schools and after school programs.

## **F. OPEN FORUM (Continued)**

Mr. Corvi – I would like to let everyone at home know where are State fundings are going this year. We have a little over \$600,000.00 in State funds this year... \$345,00.00 is going to Hingham Street (we have streets in this Town that are in worse shape but you have to consider the speed limit and the traffic). That is my main reason for Hingham Street being done first. Taunton Avenue and Belmont will be done. (Just for comparison on the override – Taunton Avenue was going to be done last year @\$68,000 this year it is \$97,000 each for Taunton & Belmont because of the price of asphalt.) That takes care of the \$600,000 on those three streets with the State funding. We ran out of money last month. That's why there is nothing being done in this Town except catch basins. I can't even fill potholes. Mr. Plante – People also have to understand that the funds that come from the State can't be used for filling potholes or general maintenance. It has to be for a major project. What Bob has to do (before he actually does these projects) is send in a project application to Mass Highway and it has to be approved before he does the work. If he doesn't do that, he can't get reimbursed. Mr. Corvi also made mention that he wants everything that has to be done completed on Hingham Street before they pave it. He doesn't want this street dug up after this project is completed. Mrs. Parsons mentioned that the Gas Company has made a mess on Union Street. Mr. Corvi – I know, and the Gas Company is the only company that doesn't have to use "flow able" material. We started using this so that the holes do not sink. The Gas Company is not required to do this and they are the only ones that leave a mess. Mr. Pratt questioned the Gas Company not being responsible. Mr. Corvi – They are only responsible for twelve months and the roads don't usually sink until after twelve months. Over the winter you get settlement but it's the flow able material that makes the difference. They have a letter from the State saying that it deteriorates their plastic pipe. Mr. Pratt – After you finish Hingham Street are you going to put a moratorium on digging up the street? Mr. Corvi – Yes, we put a five year moratorium. That is why we are notifying everyone on Hingham Street now.

Deputy Chief John Llewellyn – Presented a certificate to Andy Triantaffelow (80 Lincoln Road) from the National Law Enforcement Museum for over five years of loyal support. He has been nominated for permanent enrollment as a founding member in the official register of the National Law Enforcement Museum in Washington, D.C. Your generous support honors all of America's law enforcement officers as well as the families and friends of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Mr. Triantaffelow – Thank you. I always support the police and the fire 100%. I always have and I always will.

Chief Sammon – The bucket truck is finally gone. It did not pass inspection last Friday and is no longer useable. Is there any way we can talk to the base again? We have been trying to get our dibs on that truck...even if we can use it on a temporary basis. We had to use a truck from Abington today helping us out. Both of our ambulances were out of service yesterday. One ambulance we had to leave at the hospital last night because we couldn't get it started. He thanked the Highway Department (Paul and Bob) for getting that going again. Mr. Plante – As the Chief

## **F. OPEN FORUM (Continued)**

knows, I've already been on the phone today working on getting the bucket truck. I spoke to Terry Fancher @ Tri-Town. The difficulty is that it is still technically owned by the Navy. If the plan is approved by Town Meeting they have committed to turn the truck over to us. But prior to that, there isn't anything that is going to happen. We are trying to work out a deal that maybe they will allow us to use it as a loner. However, it still has U.S. Government plates on it and that could be an issue. We are working on it. Chief Sammon – Also he wanted everyone to know that the Codman Building, E.T. Wright, the sandpaper building and the one on Park Street are all going to be inspected to make sure they are up to code.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to adjourn at 8:12PM and enter Executive Session for purposes of potential litigation and not to reconvene.**

**Second: Mr. Pratt**

**Vote: 5-0 Mr. Chaffee-yes, Mrs. Parsons-yes, Mr. Pratt-yes, Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon-yes and Mr. Valanzola-yes**

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**LAWRENCE J. CHAFFEE**  
**VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**BRADLEY A. PLANTE**  
**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**